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1. AT MISSION REQUEST, IRISH CHAIRED MEETING OF EC-9 AND US REPS JUNE 10 ON STATUS OF PREPARATIONS FOR SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION. USUN HAD PREVIOUSLY SUPPLIED TO EC-9 ABSTRACTS OF REFTELS. AT MEETING AMB FERGUSON AND MIN-COUNS KITCHEN MADE PRESENTATIONS BASED ON REFTELS.

2. IN QUESTION PERIOD WHICH FOLLOWED PRESENTATIONS, UK QUESTIONED USG ASSUMPTION THAT G-77 CONFERENCE ROOM PAPER NO. 1 WAS IN FACT A PROPOSED AGENDA RATHER THEN MERELY A BASIS FOR DISCUSSION OF THE AGENDA. AMB FERGUSON EXPLAINED THAT IN THE G-27 MEETING, A NUMBER OF LDC REPS HAD CLEARLY INDICATED THAT CRP-1 REPRESENTS A PROPOSED AGENDA. UK REP ALSO SAID THAT, ON THE BASIS OF HIS INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS WITH LDC'S., HE VIEWED IT AS UNLIKELY THAT

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USG WOULD BE SUCCESSFUL IN STRIKING INDUSTRIALIZATION

AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FROM THE AGENDA. AMB FERGUSON INDICATED THAT THERE MIGHT WELL BE SOME GIVE IN USG POSITION REGARDING THOSE TWO ISSUES SUPPOSING THAT THERE WOULD BE SOME GIVE ON THE LDC SIDE REGARDING THE SUB-HEADINGS OF ITEMS 1 AND 2 ON TRADE AND FINANCIAL RESOURCES. IN RESPONSE TO VARIOUS QUESTIONS FROM THE EC-9 MEMBERS, AMB FERGUSON SAID THAT USDEL TO PREPCOM WISHED TO ENGAGE IN NEGOTIATIONS ON THE AGENDA. WITH THAT OBJECTIVE IN MIND, USUN WOULD BE CONSULTING WITH OTHER INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES WITH A VIEW TO SEEKING THEIR REACTIONS TO USG POSITION AS DESCRIBED IN REFTEL B. CONSULTATIONS WITH JAPANESE AND CANADIANS WOULD TAKE PLACE LATER THIS WEEK. THE G-27 WOULD, FOLLOWING THESE CONSULTATIONS AND HOPEFULLY BY JUNE 13, BE INFORMED OF USG REACTION TO CRP-1 ESSENTIALLY ALONG LINES OF REFTEL B.

3. THE ESSENCE OF EC-9 REACTION TO OUR POSITION WAS POSITIVE. THEY TOO ARE OBVIOUSLY LOATHE TO PREJUDGE THE DIRECTION OF DISCUSSIONS OF ITEMS 1 AND 2, AND FOR THE MOST PART WELCOME THE ADDITION OF FOOD. THEY SEEM TO SHARE AMB FERGUSONS' CONCERN THAT THE CENTRAL ISSUE BEFORE GOVERNMENTS IS THE PROPER ROLE FOR THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT THIS TIME. THEY WERE ALSO HIGHLY ENCOURAGED BY THE RECENT STATEMENTS OF SECY KISSINGER.

4. THERE WAS NO INDICATION IN THE COURSE OF THE HOUR AND ONE-HALF MEETING THAT THE EC-9 OR ANY MEMBER GOVERNMENT IS PREPARING AN INITIATIVE FOR THE SESSION. THEY ARE CLEARLY LOOKING TO THE USG FOR SOME CONCRETE PROPOSALS. WHILE USG INDICATIONS OF ITS WILLINGNESS TO DISCUSS ISSUES IS VIEWED BY EC-9 AS HAVING CREATED A HOPEFUL CHANGE IN ATMOSPHEREICS, THEY CLEARLY BELIEVE THAT THIS CHANGE IN ATTITUDE WOULD NOT ENDURE IF USG DOES NOT COME FORWARD IN TIMELY FASHION WITH SPECIFIC IDEA OR DRAFT RESOLUTIONS.

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